

## House Resolution 1619

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending American Bikers Active Toward Education and recognizing February 29,  
2 2012, as Bikers Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, American Bikers Active Toward Education (ABATE) is a politically active  
4 nonprofit organization working on motorcyclist's rights whose goal is rider education and  
5 public awareness of motorcyclists; and

6 WHEREAS, ABATE promotes safe riding habits and encourages favorable legislation for  
7 motorcyclists; and

8 WHEREAS, ABATE has created the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP), a rider  
9 education program that is available to everyone; established the month of May as  
10 "Motorcycle Awareness and You" month, an annual effort that raises public awareness of  
11 motorcycles; successfully lobbied legislators to approve increased funding for the GMSP in  
12 the amount of \$170,000 after the license tag rate was raised to \$20 on all vehicles; and  
13 established a 15 district organization that has led to more participation locally, while raising  
14 their membership state wide; and

15 WHEREAS, ABATE is affiliated with national rights groups, including the American  
16 Motorcyclist Association (AMA), the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), and the  
17 National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM); and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
19 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
20 recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend American Bikers Active Toward Education for their

23 contributions in education, raising awareness of motorcyclists, and promoting safe riding  
24 habits and recognize February 29, 2012, as Bikers Day at the capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to American Bikers Active  
27 Toward Education.